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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mays et al.
Application No. : 09/864,807
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For : Method and Apparatus for Providing Interchangeability of
RFID Devices

Examiner : Bangachon, William L.
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Docket No. : INT 200-08
Date : February 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2004, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on March 2, 2005. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicant selects Claims 27 through 33 (Group V) for prosecution at this time.

I note that an improper Notice of Abandonment of the application was mailed on January 26, 2005. I telephoned Supervisory Patent Examiner Horabik on February 21 and left a message requesting he rescind the improper Notice of Abandonment. I noted that an application does not go abandoned until the statutory

period for response has lapsed. I received a telephone message from SPE Horabik on February 22 wherein he agreed the Notice of Abandonment should not have been sent and wherein he informed me that he would send out an action indicating the Notice of Abandonment has been withdrawn. I have not yet received a written response from SPE Horabik, but believe it is proper, based on his telephone message, to proceed on the assumption that the Notice of Abandonment sent on January 26 has been withdrawn.

Amendments to the claims begins on page 3.